

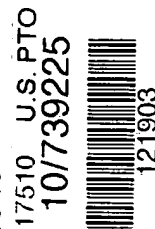


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Title: GROUND DIFFERENCE COMPENSATING SYSTEM
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- fifteen (15) pages, including three (3) independent claims and eighteen (18) claims total.
2. Drawings- One sheet of formal drawings (Fig. 1).
3. Fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney documents (2 pages).
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and fully executed Assignment document to Caterpillar, Inc. (3 pages).
5. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) (2 pages), Form PTO 1449 (1 page) and 1 reference as cited on Form PTO 1449.
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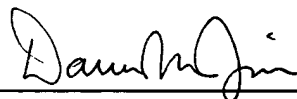
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